NOS Special Projects Monthly Highlights

May 2006

NOAA

NMAO's Ship Tracker GIS Application Re-Design

Re-designing the NMAO Ship Tracker GIS Application to include a base map with maritime boundaries, weather satellite and NEXRAD imagery, nautical charts, sea surface temperature, wave height, and wind speed. (Robb Wright)

NOAA Kids Day

Organized and ran ocean careers session for 23 teenagers attending the NOAA Kids Day event. (Mike Shelby)

FishWatch Program Web Site

Collaborating with NMFS staff on a Web site plan and storyboard for the FishWatch Program. (Jennifer Coletta)

NOAA Incident Coordination Center GIS Project

Received approval to purchase hardware and software for the NOAA Incident Coordination Center GIS Project, to help account for NOAA assets during the 2006 hurricane season. (Robb Wright)

NOAA's 200th Anniversary Planning

Assumed a major support role for planning of NOAA's 200th Anniversary celebration. (Lani Watson)

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IOOS One-Pagers

Developed two IOOS pamphlets that will be distributed both internally and within the interagency IOOS communities. (Kim Cohen)

NOS Web Site

Posted weekly news stories from the Program Offices. Wrote and posted feature story: *Protecting Corals...Saving Ships.* (Emily Crum)

NOS Workforce Planning Project

Analyzed results from interviews with NOS Deputies. Developed report: NOS Workforce Planning: Baseline Assessment Results and Recommended Next Steps. (Alison Hammer)

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NOS Program Offices

National Status & Trends (NS&T) Web Tool (NCCOS)

Developed a Web-based indicator tool to integrate the EPA's EMAP Bioeffect data with NS&T's Bioeffect Assessments data, to better understand the status of chemical contamination in U.S. coastal areas. (Percy Pacheco)

Southern California Beach Valuation Project (OR&R)

Nearing completion of reports on value of beaches in Southern California and a tool to estimate values at any beach in the region using attributes and socioeconomic factors. (Bob Leeworthy)



NOAA Goal Teams/Programs

Climate and Coastal Resource Management (CCRM) Project

Assisted with the planning and design of the May CCRM dialog session. (Kim Cohen)

Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY06 (as of April 30)

Estimated Level of Effort*

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Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	(person years)
NOS	23	4	5	10.9
NOS Program				
Offices	22	6	7	7.7
NOAA	14	6	4	11.0
NOAA Line Offices	5	1		3.9
NOAA Goal Teams	8	2	3	3.9
TOTAL	72	19	19	37.4**

^{*}The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

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NOAA Kids Page

Special Projects supported the Office of Coast Survey and NOAA Office of Education by building a "NOAA Kids Page" that describes NOAA and links to NOAA education resources and other age-appropriate information. The page is part of a milk carton campaign—an outreach and education effort to reach K-12 students in St. Louis by placing fun ocean and weather facts on the panels of school milk cartons. The panels also direct students to the NOAA home page, where they can find and click on the NOAA gull to access the NOAA Kids Page. The milk cartons will be distributed in 450 schools, reaching about 240,000 students in April and May. Visit the NOAA Kids Page at: http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/kids/.



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^{**}There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).